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Production of Pulses in Gujarat
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to increase the production of pulses in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the work undertaken for the purpose and number of people benefited there from till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. In order to increase the production and productivity of pulses, National Food Security Mission - Pulses (NFSM-Pulses) is being implemented in the country including Gujarat since 2007-08. This programme was implemented as 100 % central assistance from 2007-08 to 2014-15. From 2015-16 onwards financial sharing pattern is 60: 40 between central and state government.

The interventions covered under NFSM-Pulses include cluster demonstrations on improved package of practices, demonstration on cropping system, cropping system based training farmers, seed distribution of high yielding varieties & hybrids, manual sprayer, power sprayer, tractor mounted sprayer, chiseller (deep ploughing), water carrying pipes, mobile rain gun, sprinkler set, pump set (up to 10 HP), seed drill, zero till seed drill, multi crop planter, zero till multi crop planter, ridge furrow planter, rotavator, multi crop thresher, laser land leveler, plant protection chemicals and bio pesticides, weedicides, gypsum/phospho gypsum, bio fertilizers, micro nutrients and local initiatives suited to the states. All categories of farmers including SC, ST, small, marginal and women farmers are benefited under the programme.

Besides, new initiatives like distribution of pulses seed mini kits of newer varieties free of cost to the farmers, production of quality seed, creation of seed hubs at SAUs and KVKs, cluster front line demonstrations by KVKs, enhancing breeder seed production at ICAR Institutes and SAUs have been included under NFSM-Pulses since 2016-17.

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